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July 5, 1912

Catania—Typhus Fever.

Consul Garrels, at Catania, reports the occurrence of 3 deaths from typhus fever at Catania during the two weeks ended June 7, 1912.

JAPAN.**Formosa—Cholera.**

The American consul at Tamsui reports, July 1, the presence of cholera.

MEXICO.**Mexico City—Typhus Fever.**

Consul General Shanklin at Mexico City reports the occurrence at that place of 48 cases of typhus fever, with 9 deaths, during the week ended May 18, 1912.

Yellow Fever at San Juan Bautista.

The American consul at Frontera reports June 30 the occurrence of 4 new cases of yellow fever at San Juan Bautista.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**Manila—Plague on Vessel—Additional Quarantine Measures.**

Passed Asst. Surg. Fox, acting chief quarantine officer, reports:

A fatal case of bubonic plague occurred at Mariveles quarantine station among the steerage passengers from the steamship *Taisang* from Amoy, which arrived April 30. The case was bacteriologically verified.

ADDITIONAL QUARANTINE MEASURES.

The plague situation in Hongkong and on the China coast showing constant and marked increase, it was deemed necessary to institute further measures of protection. Letters were consequently sent to all the owners of vessels plying regularly between China and the Philippine Islands requiring fumigation every other trip. This additional fumigation will be performed when the vessels are empty at ports in the Philippine Islands.

Rats killed by such fumigations are examined for plague, but no plague-infected rats have been found. In fact the vessels have been found to be remarkably free from rats, only six being recovered from a vessel which had not very recently been fumigated. Whether this scarcity of rats is due to the plague epidemic having continued so long at the vessel's port of call that the excess of rats have died of plague remains to be determined by further investigation.

PORTE RICO.**Plague Situation.**

On the request of the governor of Porto Rico the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service has taken charge of the plague eradication work in San Juan and vicinity in cooperation with the local sanitary authorities. Passed Assistant Surgeon R. H. Creel, an